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Group Art Unit 3748

In re

Patent Application of

John D. Santi

Application No. 10/646,197

Confirmation No.: 9046

Filed: August 22, 2003

Examiner: Ching Chang

"VALVE-OPERATING LEVER"

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
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	TOTAL CLAIMS	39	MINUS	63	0	X \$50	0.00
	INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	4	0	X \$200	0.00
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No additional fee is required.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this a request for the same.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CFL 72", written in a cursive style.

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**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication responds to the Office action dated December 8, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.